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1. ALEXANDRE CASELLA, UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE IN HANOI, MET WITH EMBOFFS MAY 25 ON HIS WAY HOME TO GENEVA FOR LEAVE. HE ADVISED THAT, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH VIETNAMESE FOREIGN MINISTRY, HE SENT LETTERS TO ALL AMERICANS AND DEPENDENTS OF AMERICANS INCLUDED ON THE AMERICAN RED CORSOSS LIST WHICH D/HA SIEVERTS GAVE HIM DURING THE WOODCOCK VISIT. MANY PERSONS HAVE NOT YET REPLIED, AND HE BELIEVES A NUMBER OF THE ADDRESSES ARE INCORRECT. HE NOTED THAT MANY PERSONS WHO DID REPLY ADMITTED THAT THEY HAD NEVER CONTACTED IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES IN SAIGON (INCLUDING SOME OF THOSE WITH AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP) BUT WERE "JUST WAITING" FOR SOMETHING TO HAPPEN. HE HAS DISCUSSED THE QUESTION OF EXIT OF PERSONS WITH AMCIT CONNECTIONS WITH SRV AUTHORITIES IN HANOI AND SAIGON, AS WELL AS WITH THE VIETNAMESE RED CROSS, AND REMAINS CONVINCED THAT THE VIETNAMESE CONSIDER THIS PRIMARILY A POLITICAL QUESTION.

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2. THE ONLY PROGRESS CASELLA HAD TO REPORT WAS, WITH RESPECT TO THE CASE OF AMCIT CHILD RICHARD NGUYEN ANH TU XUAN, A FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL SAID WHAT AMOUNTED TO "WE'LL SEE," A RESPONSE PERHAPS SOMEWHAT MORE POSITIVE THAN NEGATIVE, IN SOURCE'S VIEW. ON ALL OF THE CASES, CASELLA SAID HE WOULD CONTINUE TO PUSH UPON HIS RETURN TO HANOI.

3. IN OTHER COMMENTS, HE NOTED THAT HIS ORGANIZATION, AS OTHERS, HAS BECOME INVOLVED WITH THE CASES OF THE 3,000 CAMBODIAN REFUGEES CURRENTLY IN VIET-NAM WHO HAVE RECEIVED GOF PERMISSION TO SETTLE IN FRANCE. HE SAID THAT HE HAS THE FEELING THAT THE VIETNAMESE ARE PREPARED TO ALLOW THEM TO DEPART (WHICH AGREES WITH INFORMATION TRANSMITTED REF-TEL), BUT SUGGESTED THAT ONE WILL HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS. SO FAR AS HE COULD FORESEE, THE ONLY COMPLICATION WOULD BE A PROTEST FROM THE CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT, TO WHICH THE SRV WOULD BE VERY SENSITIVE. CASELLA SAID THE VIETNAMESE HAVE INFORMALLY APPROACHED HIM TO ASK WHETHER UNHCR WOULD BE WILLING TO SPONSOR CHARTER FLIGHTS TO MOVE THEM TO PARIS EN MASSE. MEANWHILE, CAMBODIANS NOW IN SAIGON ARE RECEIVING FREE FROM THE STATE SIX KGS. OF RICE AND TWO KGS. OF SWEET POTATOES PER PERSON PER MONTH.

4. BRITISH SUBJECT RICHARD WHITE, WHO REMAINED IN SAIGON ON A UN CONTRACT AT TAKEOVER, WAS IMPRISONED APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS AGO, CASELLA REPORTED. AFTER RESERVING A SEAT FOR HIM ON THE FRENCH FLIGHT ON ELEVEN SEPARATE OCCASIONS, THE VIETNAMESE HAVE BECOME FRUSTRATED WITH HIS REFUSAL TO LEAVE AND JAILED HIM. CASELLA PREDICTED THAT WHITE WILL PROBABLY BE EXPELLED FROM THE COUNTRY SOON.

5. GENEVA FOR SIEVERTS, CURRENTLY ATTENDING HUMANITARIAN LAW CONFERENCE: CASELLA WILL ARRIVE YOUR LOCACTION TOWARD END OF THE WEEK AND REQUESTS THAT YOU CALL HIM AT HOME.
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